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Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (currently amended) A network terminal apparatus connected to other network terminal apparatuses via a network, the network terminal apparatus comprising:

a storing unit ~~that stores setting information of the network terminal apparatus;~~

an acquiring unit that transmits ~~an acquisition~~ a settings request for acquiring setting information to one of the other network terminal apparatuses, and receives the setting information from the one of the other network terminal apparatuses;

a setting unit that sets ~~the received setting information to~~ the network terminal apparatus in accordance with the received setting information, and stores the received setting information in the storing unit; and

a transmitting unit that ~~[[.]]~~ retrieves the setting information from the storing unit, in response to receipt of an acquisition request ~~for the setting information stored in the storing unit~~ from another one of the other network terminal apparatuses, ~~retrieves~~ for the setting information ~~[[from]]~~ stored in the storing unit, and transmits the retrieved setting information to ~~the other said another~~ one of the other network terminal apparatuses.

2. (currently amended) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the settings request from the acquiring unit ~~transmits an acquisition request for acquiring~~ specifies a designated item of the setting information, and the network terminal apparatus receives the designated item ~~of the setting information~~ from said one of the other network

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terminal apparatuses.

3. (original) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the network terminal apparatus acquires the setting information from a setting information management server provided in the network, that manages the setting information of the network terminal apparatuses.

4. (currently amended) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the network terminal apparatus ~~acquires~~ repeats the settings request at predetermined intervals, for acquiring the setting information from the setting information management server at ~~predetermined intervals.~~

5. (currently amended) The network terminal apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a transforming unit that transforms the received setting information into format-adjusted setting information, if format of the received setting information does not match format of the network terminal apparatus, ~~transforms the received setting information into format-adjusted setting information;~~ wherein

the setting unit sets the format-adjusted setting information to the network terminal apparatus and stores the format-adjusted setting information in the storing unit.

6. (original) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the transforming unit transforms the received setting information based on stylesheet that defines an attribute of each element of the setting information.

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7. (currently amended) A network terminal apparatus, comprising:

acquiring means for transmitting a settings request for acquiring setting information to another network terminal apparatus connected via a network, and ~~;~~ ~~means for receiving the setting information from the other requested~~ said another network terminal apparatus;

setting means for setting the received setting information to the network terminal apparatus;

storing means for storing setting information that store the received setting information;

receiving means for receiving ~~[[a]]~~ an acquisition request for acquiring setting information from ~~another~~ a third network terminal apparatus connected via the network; and

transmitting means for transmitting the setting information to ~~the other requesting~~ said third network terminal apparatus.

8. (currently amended) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~said settings request from the acquiring means for transmitting a request for acquiring setting information transmits a request for acquiring only~~ indicates specific items designated by a user.

9. (original) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein a setting information management server is provided in the network; and the setting information is acquired from the setting information management server.

10. (currently amended) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein the network terminal apparatus ~~acquires~~ repeats the settings request at predetermined intervals.

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~~for acquiring;~~ the setting information from the setting information management server at ~~predetermined intervals.~~

11. (currently amended) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

transforming means for transforming the received setting information into format-adjusted setting information, if format of the received setting information does not match format of the network terminal apparatus, ~~the received setting information into format-adjusted setting information~~, wherein

the setting means ~~for setting the received setting information~~ sets the format-adjusted setting information to the network terminal apparatus; and

the storing means ~~for storing setting information~~ stores the format-adjusted setting information therein.

12. (currently amended) The network terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the transforming means ~~for transforming the received setting information~~ transforms the received setting information based on stylesheet that defines an attribute of each element of the setting information.

13. (currently amended) A method of sharing setting information between a network terminal apparatus and another network terminal apparatus connected via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request for acquiring setting information to ~~the other~~ said another

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network terminal apparatus;

receiving the setting information from ~~the other requested~~ said another network terminal apparatus;

setting ~~the received setting information to~~ the network terminal apparatus based on the received setting information;

storing the received setting information in the network terminal apparatus;

receiving a request for acquiring setting information from ~~another~~ a third network terminal apparatus; and

transmitting the setting information to the ~~other requesting~~ third network terminal apparatus.

14. (currently amended) A network system, comprising:

a first network terminal apparatus; and

a second network terminal apparatus connected to the first network terminal apparatus via a network, the second network terminal apparatus storing setting information; wherein

the first network terminal apparatus transmits an acquisition request to the second network terminal apparatus, ~~receives the setting information from the second network terminal apparatus, sets the setting information to the first network terminal apparatus, and stores the setting information in the first network terminal apparatus;~~ and

the second network terminal apparatus transmits the setting information stored therein to the first network terminal apparatus in response to receipt of the acquisition request from the first network terminal apparatus, and

the first network terminal apparatus receives the setting information from the second

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network terminal apparatus, sets the first network terminal apparatus in accordance with the received setting information, and stores the setting information in the first network terminal apparatus.

15. (new) The network terminal apparatus of claim 1, wherein said setting information received by said network terminal apparatus from said one of the other network terminal apparatuses corresponds to the setting of said one of the other network terminal apparatuses.

16. (new) The network terminal apparatus of claim 1, wherein said another one of the other network terminal apparatuses is set based on the setting information received by said another one of the other network terminal apparatuses from said network terminal apparatus.